GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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DEROGATORY REMARKS IN HINDI FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether any derogatory remarks have been made against the Hindu deities in the dialogues of film `Lajja`;

(b): if so, the steps being taken by the Government against the producer of the said film;

(c): whether any instructions have been given to the Censor Board bythe Government to ban such films which hurt the religious feelings of the people of any religion;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (Smt. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The Examining Committee of the Central Board of Film Certification(CBFC), which previewed the film `LAJJA` (Hindi), did not find anything derogatory to Hindu deities in the film.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Central Government has already issued guidelines underSection 5B (2) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, for certification of films which, inter-alia, discourage visuals or words contemptuous of racial, religious or other groups.